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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
MAKOTO SYODA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(BASED ON PCT/JP00/01093)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: NOVEL ENZYME WITH DECOLORIZING
ACTIVITY AND METHOD FOR
DECOLORIZING DYES BY USING THE
SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

6. (Amended) A method for degrading and decolorizing dyes, comprising using an enzyme derived from Geotrichum candidum Dec 1 (FERM BP-7033), which has the following properties:

a) a property to degrade and decolorize dyes;

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